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STUTTGART FOR ELG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR

SUBJ: E&E PLANNING

REF: STATE 204191

1. FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO LETTERED QUERIES CONTAINED
PARA 2 REFTEL:

A. WE BELIEVE IF DEPT HAS NOT ALREADY ISSUED ONE THERE NOW
SHOULD BE LOW-KEY STATEMENT DISCOURAGING TRAVEL TO GENERAL
AREA, I. E. MIDDLE EAST OR AREA OF HOSTILITIES OR WAR ZONE.
WE WOULD NOT WANT JERUSALEM SINGLED OUT AS SPECIAL AREA OF
DANGER, ALTHOUGH NO OBJECTION TO INCLUSION OF ISRAEL AND
JORDAN IN LISTING OF ALL COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN AREA. IN FACT
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE LEAVE ANY COUNTRY IN AREA
OUT OF SUCH LISTING.

B. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY TO BEGIN ENCOURAGING
PRIVATE AMCITS TO LEAVE. (THIS COULD NOT BE DONE "DISCREETLY",
SINCE WORD WOULD IMMEDIATELY SPREAD THROUGHOUT COMMUNITY.
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WE HAVE ALREADY HAD TO SCOTCH NUMEROUS REPORTS THAT AMERICANS
ARE EVACUATING OR PREPARING TO DO SO.) TO THOSE INQUIRERS
WHO SEEM PARTICULARLY UNEASY (INSIGNIFICANT IN NUMBER),
WE HAVE SUGGESTED THEY MAY WISH ARRANGE TO DEPART, ALTHOUGH

WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY IMMEDIATE DANGER AND HAVE NO PLANS TO LEAVE OR SEND AMCITS OUT.

C. WE DO NOT CINSIDER EVACUATION, LIMITED OR OTHERWISE, NECESSARY AT PRESENT AND DO NOT AS OF NOW ANTICIPATE IT WILL BE REQUIRED IN FUTURE.

2. ABOVE BEING WRITTEN BEFORE WE ARE ABLE ASSESS FULL IMPACT OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF US ARMS SUPPLY TO ISRAEL. REACTION COULD LEAD TO SOMEWHAT INCREASED DANGER TO AMCITS IN OUR CONSULAR DISTRICT. WE WILL WATCH SITUATION CLOSELY, BUT WE CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY THAT ISRAELIS WOULD PERMIT SITUATION TO DEVELOP TO POINT THAT DANGER WOULD BE SUCH AS TO LEAD US TO REVISE OUR CURRENT ASSESSMENT.

3. RE PARA 3 REFTEL: (A) WE ESTIMATE UPWARDS OF 1,000 PRIVATE AMERICANS WHO WOULD REQUEST EVACUATION. (B) WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 300 TOURISTS IN DISTRICT.

4. WE ARE CONTINUING TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH EMBASSY TEL AVIV.
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